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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to				
		on dated August 19, 2003.	, –	a a santan	
2.		a small entity;	<u> </u>	other than a smail entity.	
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):				
		Total Months		Fee for Small	
		Requested		<u>Entity</u>	
		Three months		\$475.00	
*Cani	101 be used to excee	d six-month statutory limit for r	esponse to	an Official Action.	
	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.  Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee of \$475.00.				
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$\boxtimes$	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.				

Respectfully submitted

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